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The Decision of the Court in the Case of GRAND LODGE vs. FINGERS

In which many of our people were involved.

IN THE SUPREMOIR COURT OF
THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA,
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY
OF LOS ANGELES.

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CON- CLUSIONS OF LAW

Grand Lodge, etc.

vs

Fingers, et al.

THIS CAUSE having come on regularly for trial on this ——— day of January, 1912, in Extra Session No.1, of the above entitled Court, without a jury, a jury having been duly waived by the respective parties, the plaintiff corporation being represented by C. Randall Sparks, Esq., and the defendants being represented by J. L. Fleming, Esq., and evidence oral and documentary, having been introduced on behalf of the plaintiff, the defendant not having introduced any evidence, and the said cause having been submitted to the Court for its judgment and decision, and the Court having fully considered the same, finds the facts as follows, to-wit:

1. That the plaintiff is a corporation duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of California, with its principal place of business in the City of Los Angeles, and is composed of subordinate lodges, temples and juveniles, and has for its purposes, charitable, benevolent and educational undertakings.

2. That the said corporation has duly and regularly approved and adopted a constitution and set of rules for its regulation and control, containing among other clauses, those set up in the Amended Complaint on file herein.

3. That on or about the 20th day of August, 1909, one J. W. Stanley was duly and regularly elected as State Grand Master of said corporation and thereupon duly qualified as such, and ever since has been, and now is, the duly elected, qualified and acting State Grand Master of said Corporation.

4. That on or about the 30th day of August 1909, the said defendants failed to recognize the said J. W. Stanley as State Grand Master, and did knowingly, wrongfully and unlawfully conspire among themselves and agree to refuse to recognize the said Stanley as State Grand Master, and that they ever since have and still continue so to refuse to recognize the said Stanley as State Grand Master of said Corporation, or to be governed by the said Stanley, or to recognize his authority.

5. The Court finds that it is not true that the said defendants or any of them, have been expelled from the said Order, and that no action having for its purpose the expulsion of any of the said defendants from the said Order was ever or taken as required by the Constitution and By-Laws of the said Organization.

6. That it is true that the said defendants and each of them continue to act as members and officers and members of certain subordinate lodges of the said plaintiff organization, which the Court hereby finds that they are entitled to do under their rights as individuals and members of said plaintiff, State Grand Lodge, and of certain subordinate lodges and temples of the said plaintiff corporation, under the authority of said J. W. Stanley

as Grand Master thereof only.

7. That it is true that the said defendants on or about the 25th day of March, 1910, were and ever since have been, and now are wrongfully and unlawfully infringing upon and usurping certain of the powers and rights of the said J. W. Stanley as State Grand Master of the said organization some person other than the said J. W. Stanley, to-wit, the defendant, Mortan T. White, under the name of plaintiff corporation, and that the said conduct upon their part has been, and is interfering with the plaintiff's business, and injuring the plaintiff in its property rights, and in the collection of funds, and generally, from carrying out the purposes for which it is organized.

8. That such conduct on the part of the said defendants is intended to deceive, and does deceive and mislead the public, and prevents the plaintiff corporation from carrying out the purposes for which it is organized.

9. That certain of the said defendants have in their possession certain books, literature and seal, which it is the property of the said plaintiff corporation, which the defendants have refused to deliver to the said plaintiff corporation.

10. That none of the allegations of plaintiff's amended Complaint herein are true, except as herein found, and that none of the allegations of the defendant's answer to said amended Complaint are true, except as herein found.

AS CONCLUSIONS OF LAW, from the foregoing facts, the Court finds and decides that the

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Don't Forget—Editor.

PRESIDENT TAFT'S APPOINTMENT OF AN ASSOCIATE OF THE SUPREME COURT

The prominent mention of the name of Judge Hook of Kansas, for an Associate Justice of the U. S. Supreme Court by President Taft brought many protestations against his appointment. He was able to overcome all but one and that was the decision he rendered in the Oklahoma case of McCabe vs. Atchinson, Topeka and Santa Fe R. R. and brought to the attention of the President by the New England Suffrage League, an organization of colored people.

This decision showed that in a case involving "Jim Crow" legislation he fell a victim to race prejudice and in the exercise of his powers as a judicial officer "was weighed and found wanting."

The action of the President in not presenting his name, aside from political reasons, brings to the surface that side of American manhood which stands for the perpetuation of this Republic.

This is demonstrated every year by its citizens in the manner in which they esteem and reverence the memory of men who stood as the champion for the rights, not alone of the powerful but made their life work prominent in seeking civil protection for the humblest, without regard to race or creed.

Such men have become immortal and in spite of out breaks of race prejudice whereby a man may become for a day notorious, our appreciation of manhood cause such a man to be soon forgotten in our efforts to attain the place where "we would do unto others as we would have them do unto us."

The American Negro is no less proud of Andrew Jackson, "Old Hickory", Charles Sumner, Abraham Lincoln and other of our statesmen that have stood for the bringing about of such noble conditions.

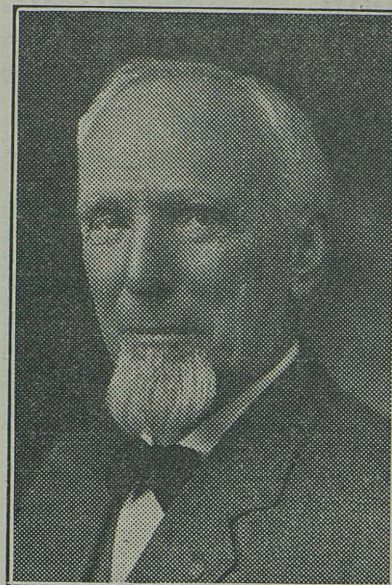
To these add the memory of men such as John Brown, William Lloyd Garrison, Wendell Phillips and others whose memories stand out

prominent before the American people because of their fight for freedom of the oppressed, noble emulation.

We cannot understand why so many men lose the golden opportunity of bringing to themselves the greatest personal satisfaction of a well spent life in efforts of upholding the rights of all which brings to it the confidence and praise of all who are observers.

What is true of the individual is also true of a set of individuals entrusted with power to govern.

And if they, like our present Good Government administration, are to use the power in denying rights to a part of the citizens by a resort to race prejudice their days in control will be short.



MAYOR GEORGE ALEXANDER

Mayor George Alexander who will address the ladies day nursery meeting at the Odd Fellows hall next Sunday afternoon, February 25th at 3 o'clock. The object of this meeting will be to raise money needed to meet the payments due on the day nursery property. Everybody should turn out prepared to aid this noble

cause. There are hundreds of small children growing up in the city streets because their mothers find it necessary to go out and earn a part of the family support. If the race is to be made secure for the future, our boys and girls of to-day must be reared in the midst of the best possible environments. The business of making men and women should engage our first attention. Make pure and healthful the atmosphere in which our boys and girls live and move during the first twenty years of their lives and you will have citizens that will make safe any state. Men and women are made, they don't grow. They are not the products of money but of love and care. Let everybody turn out and build for the future by raising \$1,000 next Sunday.

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A glorious platform service at 2:30 p. m. under the auspices of the Ministers Federation, Rev. J. D. Gordon will preside. This inspiring meeting will begin with a feast of melodious songs by the famous choir of sweet voiced singers. Madam Ella Hughley, the noted soprano soloist will make her initial bow to the Los Angeles music loving public in a repertoire of songs.

Great sermons of the day will be preached by those eloquent pulpit giants of the west Rev. S. L. Harris, the eloquent pastor of Phillips Chapel C. M. E. church, Rev. Dr. C. H. Anderson, the dean of the colored ministry pastor of New Hope Baptist Church.

These will be followed by words of greeting and brief sermons from members of the Federation.

Baptist Young Peoples Re-union 6:30 p. m.

Silver dollar honor roll call at 7:30 p. m. Preaching by that far famed soldier-preacher-editor Rev. Dr. J. Gordon McPherson on the subject "The Corn Cribbs of Egypt". There has been an unprecedented demand for seats at this service as no seats are to be reserved the public is urged to come early. The twelve captains of the various tribes will make their final reports, in order to care for the crowds of visitors and strangers.

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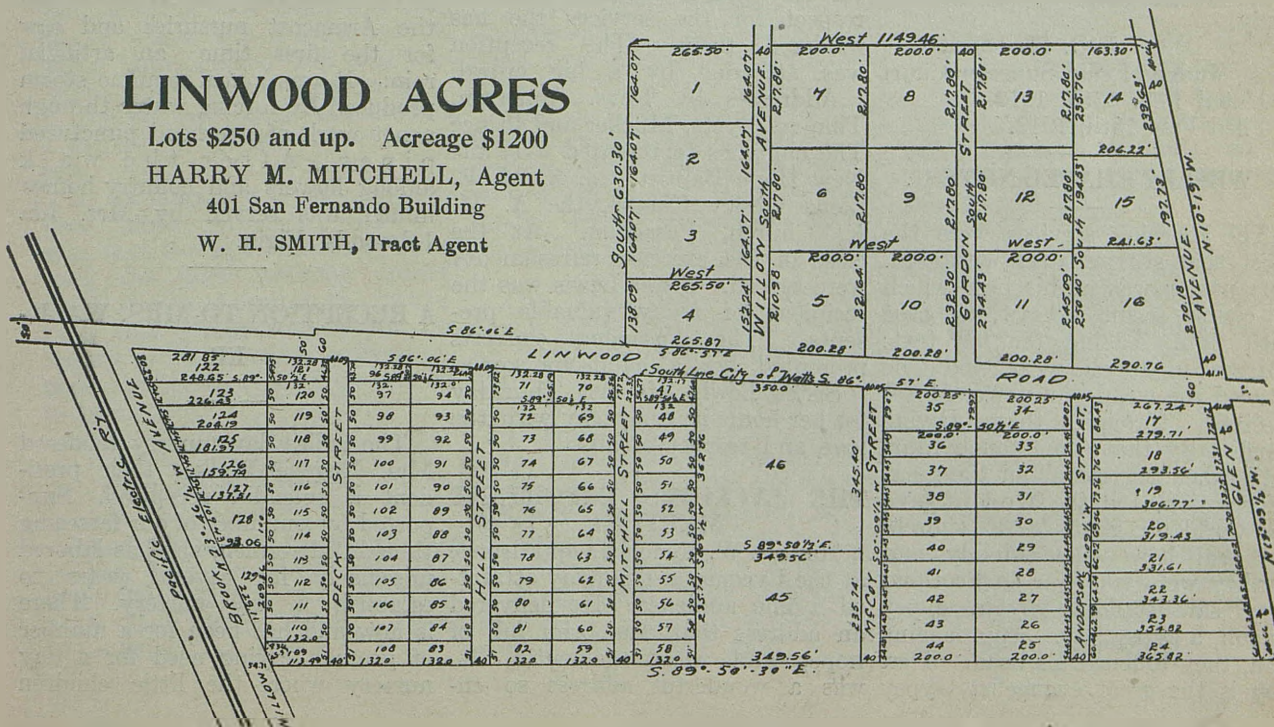
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plaintiff is entitled to judgment: that the said plaintiff is the Grand Lodge of the United Brothers of Friendship and Sisters of the Mysterious Ten, and that the said J. W. Stanley is the duly elected, qualified and acting State Grand Master thereof, and that the said defendants and each of them be enjoined and prohibited from in any manner usurping any of the powers, duties or perquisites of the said office of State Grand Master or of recognizing or holding out as State Grand Master any person other than the said J. W. Stanley.

That the said defendants and each of them be restrained from holding themselves out to the public as the Grand Lodge of the United Brothers of Friendship and Sisters of the Mysterious Ten, or as having any rights in or to the said Organization, or the property thereof, except as individuals and members of said plaintiff, State Grand Lodge, and of certain subordinate lodges and temples of the said plaintiff corporation, and under the authority and control of the said J. W. Stanley, as State Grand Master thereof.

Let judgment be entered accordingly,

J. O. Moncur,
Judge of said Superior Court
Dated Feb. 13th, 1912.
Filed Feb. 13th, 1912.

WESLEY CHAPEL NOTES

The morning services were the most soul stirring ever witnessed. The pastor was at his best which of course seems always the case with him. Taking for his text: "Moses in touch with God" he showed the wonderful power Moses received through that Divine touch. By that same touch Martin Luther brought about the great reformation, and the Wesleys gave the world the great M. E. church. He told how when Moody and Sankey were traveling in Scotland they saw standing by a gypsy wagon, a gypsy boy. Approaching him, they touched his head. That boy is the great evangelist Gypsy

Smith. In a manner that touched men's souls he told the members of his congregation that they held in their hands precious boys and girls who were not only to be the men and women of the future but possessed immortal souls to be saved or lost. He warned them against the awful mistake of sacrificing their children for money to go into society.

THE DOUGLASS MEMORIAL

The memorial services held in honor of Frederick Douglass were attended by an audience that filled the main auditorium. The speeches were of a high order. The address by Prof. Easton was exceptionally fine. Attorney Nash delivered a splendid address. He spoke in a deliberate conversational tone and made a telling speech. While his style does not appeal to the emotional side of colored audiences, his arguments are always wholesome.

RECEPTION TO SISTER LEWIS

The reception tendered Sister Dollie Lewis by the churches of the city was a beautiful token of respect, for the services she has rendered them. The reception was attended by a big crowd. Addresses by Revs. Anderson, Tillman, Byers, Mucker and Prince. The churches represented were the New Hope Baptist, the A. M. E. Zion, Wesley Chapel, the A. M. E. Church, Pasadena. At the close of the exercises refreshments were served. Sister Lewis was the recipient of many valuable presents. The Pasadena converts presented her a handsome gown. Sister Lewis left last Thursday for her home in Kentucky with the love and respect of all.

THE LYCEUM'S IMPORTANT MEETING

Rev. E. W. Kenchin's appearance at the Lyceum last Sunday attracted a fine audience. He delivered an address that was brim full of hope, and encouragement. It was a wonderful address so en-

nobling, so uplifting. It was a blessing to all who had the good fortune to hear him, and especial inducement to the members of the Lyceum to press onward with renewed hope and vigor.

The messrs. Mackie of Sacramento and Attorney Barnette of this city made excellent short talks that were well received.

ITEMS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Mr. Clarence Bailey one of our bright young men was a pleasant caller at our office this week. It is always a pleasure to have the young men call and see us.

Mr. C. W. Holden who has been confined to his home for several weeks is out again. Mr. Holden is a valuable member of the community.

Sister Dollie Lewis accompanied Madams Miller, Goodlow and son were visitors at the home of the editor and Mrs. Edmonds of Sawtelle Tuesday. In company with the editor and Mrs. Edmonds Sister Lewis and Mrs. Miller visited the Armacost nurseries and saw for the first time an artificial rain. It was a real genuine storm produced by forcing water through a net work of overhead punctured pipes. After the walk among flowers and country homes dinner was served by Mrs. Ida Edmonds Elgin.

A RECEPTION TO MRS. WALKER

The ladies day nursery tendered Mrs. Eugene Walker their president a splendid reception. Supported by a number of our farseeing thoughtful women, she has labored unselfishly for several years to establish a day nursery. There is now and has been for a number of years a crying need for a day nursery where the little children

of many of our working women can be properly cared for, while their mothers are out earning a living. The most urgent need among our people in the city today, is a day nursery.

As a token of their appreciation for the noble service Mrs. Walker is rendering the children of the city the reception was tendered her.

Mr. C. H. Dougherty, the butcher and Mrs. A. M. Brown are both on the sick list. We hope soon to report their recovery.

ATTORNEY McDOWELL

Attorney McDowell in an address Sunday afternoon warned the colored people against the danger of permitting their rights as citizens to be infringed upon without making some kind of a protest.

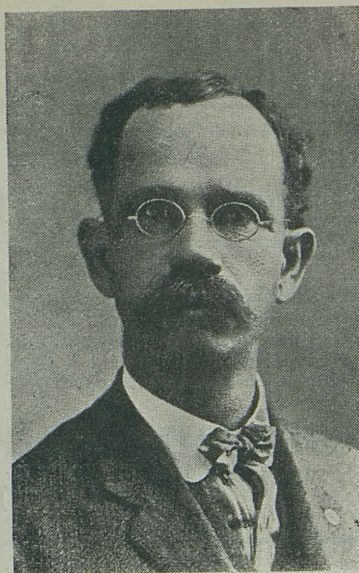
He recited several incidences where intelligent and persistent opposition had defeated harmful measures.

The colored people he said did not display enough manliness in facing these barbarous customs which injure both races by humiliating one and creating a false pride in the other. He repeated the statements of two prominent men one of whom was a southerner in which both claimed that race prejudice would not be near so great if the colored people would show a disposition to fight it at every turn.

In speaking of the County hospital affair Attorney McDowell said that the fight must not cease until the nurse training department of the hospital an institution that is supported by the tax payers of the county. without regard to race or color be opened to all.

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The Federation of Women's Clubs held a successful meeting in Pasadena last Thursday the 15th.

Attorney McDowell is a Californian. He graduated from the Polytechnic High School in the summer '08 and afterward studied law at Howard University where he graduated in 1911 with a large class ranking third. After March 1st he will be located in the San Fernando Bldg. room 401.

Chas. A. Lucas of Seattle and William T. Ewing of Oakland and Alaska are visitors in the City. Mr. Ewing is one of the well-to-do folk of the Pacific Coast.

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